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Scoping Meeting Long-Term Miscellaneous Purposes Contract EIS



February 12, 2004 Carlsbad, New Mexico

Bureau of Reclamation

New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission







Lead Federal Agency

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Reclamation manages, develops, and protects water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.

Joint Lead Agency

New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission

The NMISC is authorized to investigate, develop, conserve, and protect the waters and stream systems of New Mexico, and to ensure compliance with all interstate water compacts.







Proposed Action

Enter into a long-term miscellaneous purposes contract.

The contract would allow use of Carlsbad
Project water for release from facilities
serving the Carlsbad Project and
subsequent use for miscellaneous purposes
(including irrigation), and would replace an
existing 1999 short-term contract.

Preliminary Alternatives

Proposed Action

Long-term miscellaneous purposes contract is signed.

No Action Alternative

Long-term miscellaneous purposes contract is not signed.







Purpose

To allow the NMISC to use water allotted to land located inside the boundaries of the CID that is owned or leased by the NMISC from other members of the CID, or other Project water, for release from facilities serving the Carlsbad Project.

Need

To assist the NMISC in compliance with the Pecos River Compact and the Supreme Court Amended Decree.





EIS SCHEDULE

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT **ACTIVITIES TIMELINE** Begin EIS Process June 2003 Hold Agency and Public February 2004 Scoping Meetings Solicit Public & Agency Concern Identify Alternatives Winter 2003 - 2004 to be Studied Conduct Environmental Winter 2004 Studies Periodic Updates to the Public Prepare Draft EIS Spring to Fall 2004 Based on Studies Issue Draft EIS December 2004 for Review **Public Comment Period** Prepare Final January 2005 EIS in Response to Public Comments Publish Final EIS May 2005 July 2005 Issue Record of Decision







Overview

Scoping is the process of identifying significant environmental issues and possible alternatives related to the proposed action.

How You Can Help

You can help us identify alternatives, significant issues, and potential mitigation.

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Please provide your comments by March 12, 2004



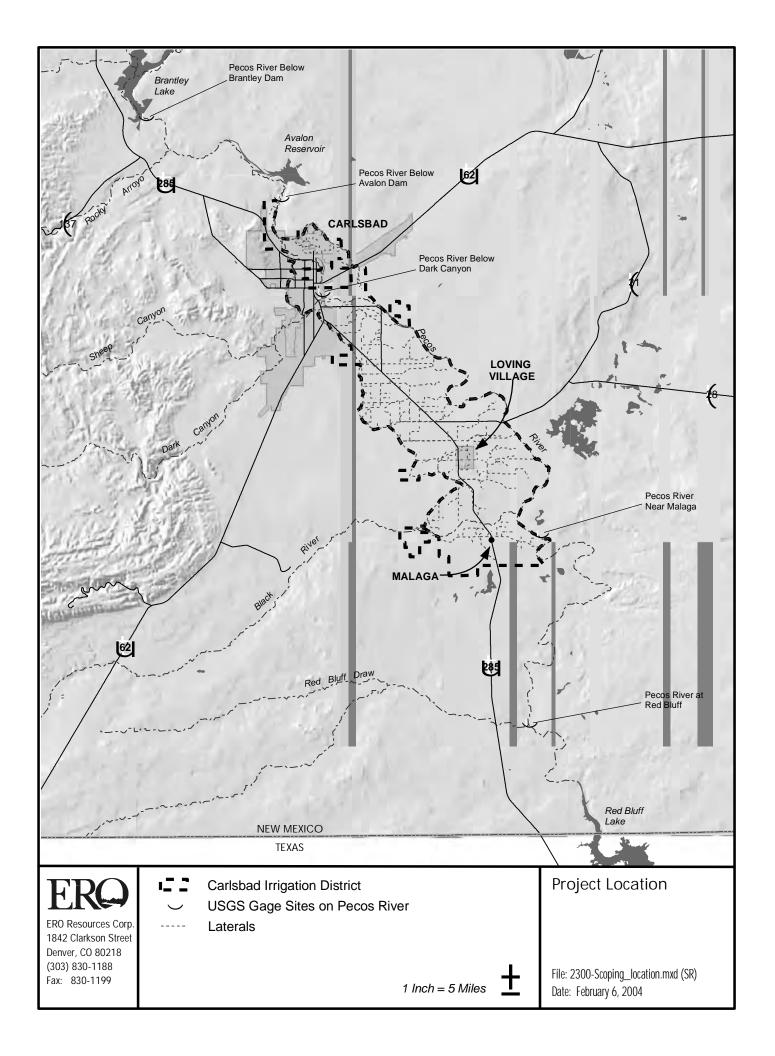




- Flow in the Pecos River
- NMISC's ability to comply with the Pecos River Compact and U.S. Supreme Court Amended Decree
- Economy of Carlsbad and the surrounding area
- ♦ Effects on any threatened, endangered, or rare plant or animal species
- Integrity of the Carlsbad Irrigation District irrigation facilities as a National Historic Landmark
- Management of lands no longer used for irrigated agriculture
- Cumulative effects of the proposed project with other current or planned activities on the Pecos River







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